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RHENIUM BEING EXPLOITED IN MANSFELD AREA

FIRST RHENIUM INSTALLATION IN THE WORLD -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 5 Sep 50

Rhenium, a rare and expensive metal which has been known only since 1925. is being expoited in the Mansfeld area for the first time in the world according to Dr Lindemann, who is in charge of the rhenium research project. Rhenium is a perfect substitute for the rare and almost invaluable iridium.

Dr Lindemann explained that rhenium can be washed out in the same manner as gold. He and Dr Wagemann, who is considered "the father of the rhenium project," work together on the project.

BLACK COAL MINE OPENED UP -- Berlin, Die Wirtschaft, 15 Sep 50

A new black coal mine had been opened up in Gittersee, near Freital. Sobottka, head of the Main Administration for Coal of the Ministry for Industry, officiated at the opening. Miners in the Gittersee mine will exploit a seam 2-1 meters thick, which has not been mined until now. Shaft installation work, which will be carried out by the people-owned Bauunion Sued, is to be completed in 1952.

NEW FURNACE IN BERLIN GASWORKS -- Berlin, Die Wirtschaft, 1 Sep 50

A new furnace battery containing 20 chambers, each with a 5-ton capacity was put into operation in the gasworks in Berlin, Dimitroffstrasse, on 30 August 1950. This will allow the gasworks to produce an additional 65,000 cubic meters of gas daily, equivalent to the quantity consumed by a town of 160,000 in one day.

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PRODUCES NEW TYPE OF FUEL -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 31 May 50

The Land Sachsen Association for the Utilization of Peat has developed a new fuel made of peat, raw coal, and coking duff for use in central heating systems. Production of these peat coke bricks during 1950 is scheduled to total 12,500 tons. Preparations have been made in the peat mines near Hartmannsdorf, in the Chemnitz district, to produce the peat-coke bricks on a large scale.

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